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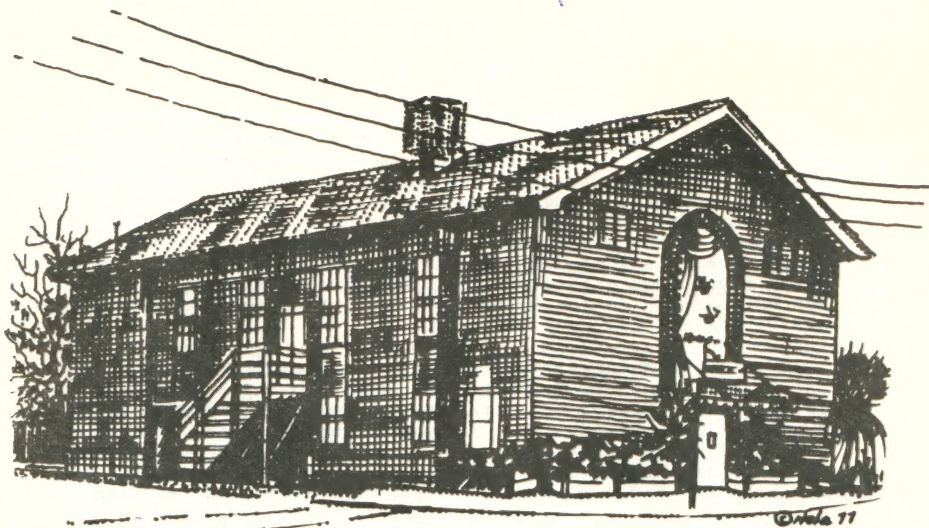
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Membership information for the League of Women Voters can be obtained by calling 934-7213.



Dramateurs Theater

History

It is generally believed that some of the earliest residents of Lafayette were the peaceful and very primitive Ahala-n Indians. These members of the Costanoan Tribe (Coast People) were content to forage for acorns, seeds, roots and berries while enjoying the gentle climate and plentiful water supplied by the area's three fish laden creeks. The Ahala-ns took little advantage of the abundant fish and game even though deer, elk, antelope, bear, quail, ducks, geese and pelicans were bountiful. Many of the hills were heavily forested with Oak, Laurel, Buckeye, Birch, Pine and some Redwood trees. This pastoral scene went undisturbed until the late 18th century.

In 1776 the Spanish settled in Northern California and the local area fell under the jurisdiction of the Presidio and Mission of San Francisco. Other than occasional forays to capture runaway mission Indians or to chase the marauding Central Valley Indians, they showed little interest in our "Sunshine Valley" until 1834. That year Candelario Valencia received a grant of 3/4s of a league and named it Rancho Acalanes, presumably after the local Indians. Rancho Acalanes included a large part of what is now Lafayette. Three other land grants extended into our city; they were the Ranchos Laguana de los Palos Colorados, Boca de la Cañada del Pinole and Cañada del Hambre y las Bolsas.

The agricultural potential of the region went unrecognized until 1847 when Elan Brown purchased Rancho Acalanes and began to raise wheat. Brown, the first person from the United States to purchase land and settle in Lafayette, was soon followed by others. When California became a state in 1850 the settlement, then called Centerville, had begun to grow, and by the time the 1852 census was taken it had a population of 76 men, women and children.

In 1853 Elam Brown built the first grist mill in the area. One of the millstones can be found in the Lafayette Plaza, along with two of Lafayette's three remaining pioneer buildings.

On 1857 Benjamin Shreve, one of Lafayette's first teachers and general store owners, applied for a post office under the name of Centerville. He was informed that the name was already in use, so he suggested Lafayette, after the French general who assisted Washington in the Revolutionary War.

During the 1800's farming was a basic pursuit of area residents, but businesses began to flourish because of travel between the Redwood lumbering camp in Moraga and its shipping point in Martinez; and also because of stage line travelers from Oakland to Martinez.

In 1904 the first unlit and dangerously narrow tunnel was opened, allowing more travelers from Oakland and San Francisco into the area. The major changes didn't occur until the advent of the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern Railway linking San Francisco to Sacramento. This train later provided commuter service with eight stops a day in Lafayette.

In 1911 the Lafayette Improvement Club was founded to upgrade the quality of roads, education and fire protection. In 1913 they constructed the Town Hall, which still stands on the southeast corner of Moraga Road and School Street. The club is now called the Lafayette Improvement Association (LIA).

In 1937 the population of Lafayette was still only 4,000, but with the opening of the Caldecott Tunnel changes began to occur. The tunnel was constructed by the state at a cost of \$4,000,000. For the first time travel to and from the west became feasible.

Until World War II Lafayette continued to serve as a commercial center for farmers and the fortunate San Franciscans and Oaklanders who had summer homes here. Post-war Lafayette boomed from a 1952 population of 10,000 to just under 21,000 in 1959.

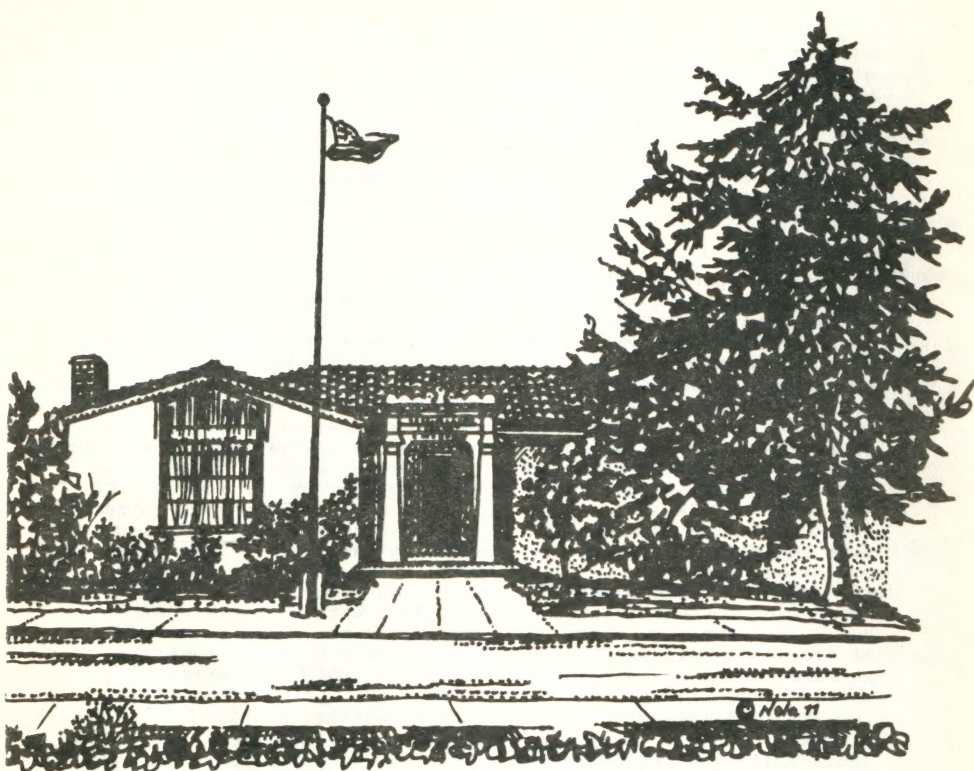
In 1958 the Chamber of Commerce (1947) established the Lafayette Design Project whose members were concerned with encouraging good architectural and landscape design in Lafayette in order to attract business people and home buyers. The Design Project also assisted the LIA in the first of three attempts to incorporate Lafayette.

Before incorporation the community was governed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. Services were provided through property taxes.

In 1966 the final attempt at incorporation was initiated. The attempt progressed slowly because of factions within the proposed incorporation area who were concerned about possible increased taxes, threatened rural life style, and a boundary dispute with the Town of Moraga. Eventually the boundaries were adjusted to exclude the Reliez Valley and the Campolindo and Acalanes High Schools, where most of the opposition to incorporation centered. Once this step was taken a majority of the remaining residents seemed to agree that the advantages of incorporation were clear. The major advantages were the grants and subventions receivable from the state and the new money sources to provide services equal or superior to those provided by the county. In July of 1968 57% of Lafayette's 10,677 registered voters turned out to vote for incorporation 3,279 to 2,692. They also elected five council members, thereby launching Lafayette's city government.

The 1975 census showed a population of 19,628 in Lafayette. Our median household income was \$21,027, with an average of 16 years of schooling. This was compared to the nationwide median of \$15,000 and 13 years of schooling. Only 6.4% of our above-average income was earned in Lafayette - truly a commuter city.

In 1976 Lafayette got into the Bicentennial spirit with two projects. One of the projects was the construction of a bicycle trail following the Sacramento- Northern Railroad right-of way. With the other Bicentennial project Lafayette strengthened its "French connection" by acquiring a sister city in France. Langeac is appropriately close to the Chateaux de Lafayette, once the home of our city's namesake. The added recreation potential of the bicycle trail and the growing bond with the people of Langeac have added two new and interesting facets to life in our city.



Veterans Memorial Building

Lafayette City Government

Government

General-law City Incorporated: July, 1968
Voted on by area residents in a special election.

In California, cities may be either Charter cities or General-law cities. Lafayette is a General-law city, as are most California cities. A General-law city may operate under a Mayor-Council or City Council-City Manager form of government. Lafayette uses the City Council-City Manager form.

Lafayette is a Contract City. Much of its work is contracted to Contra Costa County, private contractors, and private individuals. This policy often results in better cost effectiveness, minimum labor problems, and more political freedom to make needed changes. The Contract City is a phenomenon unique to California.

General Plan

The Lafayette General Plan, an official public document adopted by the City Council in 1976, is the policy guide to decisions about the physical development of the community. The main goal of the Lafayette General Plan is to "Preserve and enhance the character of Lafayette as a low-density, semi-rural residential community."

City Council

284-1968 (City Office)

5 members
4-year staggered term

Elections are held in March of even numbered years. A candidate must live in the city and be a registered voter when nomination papers are issued.

The City Council is the chief governing body and is responsible for the policy and general administration of the city. It approves the budget, may levy taxes, enacts ordinances, appoints private citizens to various boards and commissions, and appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Treasurer. The mayor is selected by the City Council from its own ranks for a one year term. The City Council members serve without pay.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month (frequent additional meetings)
7:30 P.M., Veterans Memorial Building
Agenda available upon request.

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public, and citizens may appear before the City Council by writing a letter to the Council, stating the reasons for appearing. At present the Council sets aside fifteen minutes at the beginning of each meeting for citizen comment on any item not on the agenda.

City Manager

284-1968 (City Office)

The City Council appoints the City Manager and sets the salary and other terms of employment. The City Manager serves at the pleasure of the City Council. The appointee must have administrative and executive abilities and after appointment must live in the city (unless the City Council grants permission for him to live outside the city).

The City Manager is responsible to the City Council for the administration of the city government. He prepares and submits the proposed annual budget to the City Council for its approval. He administers contracts; purchases, or supervises the purchase of all supplies and services for the city, and reviews all proposed expenditures from city funds. The City Manager is directly responsible for each officer and employee of the city, with the exception of the City Attorney. Additional duties and powers are delegated to him by the City Council. The salary of the City Manager is \$35,000 per year.

City StaffPlanning Staff

284-1968 (City Office)

General duties of the planning staff are to process applications for land use entitlements, provide information to persons making those applications, write draft ordinances, and occasionally prepare amendments to the general plan.

The Planning Director is in charge of all planning operations. The Director can delegate responsibility.

The Assistant Planning Director aids the Planning Director in the execution of that person's duties.

The Planning Technician attends the meetings of the Planning Commission and the Environmental Review Commission and prepares the minutes and agendas, processes applications for building permits, and checks compliance of projects with existing ordinances.

The members of the city planning staff must have educational background and experience in professional planning for city or county government. The staff is hired by the City Manager. Salaries for Planning Director and Assistant Planning Director range from \$18,600 to \$25,200 per year, and for Planning Technician, from \$9,600 to \$12,500.

Public Works

284-1968 (City Office)

Public Works includes all road work, storm drains, and ditch and creek maintenance. These duties are contracted to the county, a private contractor, or are performed by city employees.

Clerical Staff

284-1968 (City Office)

Lafayette's clerical staff consists of 2 full-time secretaries, 1 part-time secretary, and 2 part-time commission aides.

City Attorney

284-1968 (City Office)

The City Council appoints the City Attorney and sets the terms of employment. He serves at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Attorney must be a licensed, practicing California attorney. He receives a retainer of \$13,200 per year for advising the city government, commissions, and City Council, and for reviewing all legal documents involving the city. Court cases and court appearances are handled at an additional hourly rate.

City Commissions

Lafayette has ten official commissions under the jurisdiction of the City Council and advisory to them. All members are appointed by the City Council and are unpaid. Commission meetings are open to the public and notice of meetings is given, as is required by law. (Application forms for positions on city commissions are available at the City Office. For requirements, see desired commission.)

The commissions meet regularly. For current information on times and places, call 284-1968 (City Office).

Planning Commission

7 members

2-year term

Appointee must be a qualified elector of the city

State law demands that this commission prepare a general plan for the city, which must be adopted by the City Council. The general plan concerns land use, circulation, conservation, open space, housing, public safety, noise, scenic highways, and seismic safety. The commission hears and acts upon applications for land use permits, rezoning, and new subdivisions. The commission has staff support.

Environmental Review Commission

5 members

2-year term

Appointee must show knowledge of and interest in architecture, landscape architecture, or graphic design.

The commission is the principal advisor to the planning staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council on all matters of design which affect the physical appearance of the city. The commission also issues sign permits. The commission has staff support.

Walkways Commission

9 members

3-year term

Appointee must be a member of a group representative of the community.

The purpose of this commission is to establish and administer a comprehensive plan for the design, financing, construction, and maintenance of a system of walkways. The commission has no staff support.

Youth Commission

9 members

1-year term

Appointee must come from a local high school or intermediate school, with one member-at-large.

This commission attempts to interest and involve young people in city and community activities and in city government. The commission has no staff support.

Recreation Commission

9 members

2-year term

Appointee must demonstrate knowledge of and interest in recreation.

This commission is charged with proposing a municipal parks and recreation program for consideration by the City Council, and recommending revenue sources to fund it. The commission has staff support.

Traffic Commission

7 members

2-year term

Appointee must be a resident of the city.

The commission processes citizens' requests for traffic changes, investigates sources of funds, advises police on the deployment of traffic control officers, and recommends street construction projects to improve traffic safety. This commission has staff support.

Commission on the Needs of the Aging

11 members

3-year term

At least nine of the appointees must be residents of the city, and at least five must be 60 years of age or older.

The purpose of the commission is to identify special needs of citizens over 60 years old and to make reports and recommendations to the City Council about appropriate action. The commission has staff support.

CATV Advisory Commission (Community Antenna Television)

7 members

3-year term

Appointee must be a resident of the city, with at least one customer from each of the two CATV firms servicing Lafayette.

Duties of the commission include advising the City Council on matters affecting CATV franchising, service, and rates. This commission has staff support.

Parking Commission

5 members

3-year term

Appointee must be a resident of the city or own a substantial interest in a business, or business property, affected by off-street parking.

The commission promotes more off-street parking in the downtown area by surveying existing off-street parking and pin-pointing areas of need; investigating alternative methods for financing parking facilities; assisting property owners in forming special assessment districts to finance parking; and drafting a new parking ordinance. This commission has staff support.

Property Protection Commission

7 members

2-year term

Appointee must be a resident of the city.

The purpose of this commission is to reduce burglaries through an educational program on self-protection and neighborhood involvement. This commission has staff support. The program is funded by a federal grant for a one year period only. At present there are no plans for continued staff support after the grant runs out.

City Financing

Lafayette is a no-tax city. The city receives income from a variety of sources outlined in the Fiscal Picture section. Because the city levies no "general purpose" property tax, it has no city finance department and has no specific dates for budget hearings or approval. For a copy of the city budget or dates of budget hearings contact the city office.

A city treasurer is required by state law. In Lafayette he has virtually no duties and receives no salary. (The City Manager handles most of the financial duties.) Contra Costa County does the assessing for Lafayette.

At this time the City of Lafayette has no indebtedness and has issued no bonds.

City of Lafayette Fiscal Picture

Taxes

The assessed valuation for 1976-77 is estimated at \$114,000,000.

The city levies no general purpose property tax. Although the City Council has the authority by law to levy a property tax of up to \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation, it has never exercised this authority and has gone on record stating that a general purpose property tax would be levied only after the citizens had voted and approved it.

A special property tax is collected in the city within two separate maintenance districts--a core area maintenance district and a street lighting maintenance district. The taxes are collected by the county and returned to the city to pay the costs of services in the areas covered.

There is no business license tax in the city.

Income

Since Lafayette does not levy a general purpose property tax, where does the money to operate the city come from?

A portion of the money collected by the State of California in the form of sales tax, cigarette taxes, motor vehicle in-lieu taxes, and gasoline taxes is returned to Lafayette. Federal money comes to the city through federal revenue sharing and community development grants, and the public employment program (CETA). Additional state money comes to the city from utility franchise fees, a property protection grant and a traffic safety grant. Locally, money is collected from traffic fines, parkland dedication fees, and interest on reserves.

Some funds are earmarked and can only be used for special projects such as street construction, traffic safety, parkland development, and walkway construction.

Budget 1976-77

Beginning Balance (Reserves)	\$1,424,458
Anticipated revenues	<u>1,670,130</u>
Total Available	\$3,094,588
Anticipated expenditures	1,914,600
Ending Balance (Reserves)	1,179,988

Expenditures

Of the total budget for 1976-77 the city allocated 38% for public works, 24% for police services, and 13% for general government expenses. The remaining 25% is allocated for all other services, including Recreation and Park Development, Traffic Commission, Community Promotion, Property Protection Committee, Insurance, and the two Maintenance Districts.

Public Protection

Police

284-5010

The City of Lafayette, in conjunction with the Town of Moraga, contracts with the County Sheriff's Department for police service.

Staff: 16 Deputies
2.75 Detectives
4.5 Patrol Cars

Duties: Patrolling traffic, keeping the peace, investigating and preventing crime and providing emergency assistance.

Jail: Lafayette has no city jail. (Refer to: County, Public Protection section.)

Courts

Lafayette is in the Walnut Creek-Danville Municipal Court District. (See County, Public Protection section)

Fire

933-1313

Lafayette is in the Contra Costa County Fire District, which has three stations covering the Lafayette area with full service, including emergency medical assistance. (Refer to: County and Independent Districts section.)

Civil Defense

(Refer to: County, Office of Emergency Services.)

LAFAYETTE MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

The City of Lafayette participates in three membership organizations.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) 841-9730

ABAG was established in 1961 to meet regional problems through the cooperative action of its member cities and counties. ABAG is owned and operated by the local governments of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The agency's local funding comes from annual dues that amount to about 12 cents a resident of each member city and county. Lafayette's annual dues are approximately \$1,000 per year.

The League of California Cities 843-3083

The League of California Cities staff provides a reference library in Sacramento for membership cities. Available are publications of adopted ordinances from cities in California, and state and federal statutes affecting cities.

The staff plans conferences on timely topics and provides training programs for new council members. Four full-time lobbyists in Sacramento provide services there. A legal staff is available for consultation.

Local funding comes from annual dues based on the population of a city. Lafayette's annual dues are approximately \$1600 per year.

Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference 841-4040

The mayors of cities in Contra Costa County meet monthly with an executive director to share information and concerns and to plan appropriate action at the county, regional, state, and national level when necessary.

The Mayors' Conference makes appointments to the Executive Committee of ABAG, LAFCO, (Local Agency Formation Committee), Bay Area Air Pollution Control District, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Criminal Justice Agency, Airport Land Use Commission, and East Bay Division League of California Cities.

Local funding comes from annual dues. Lafayette budgets annually approximately \$1,000 for this.

COMMONLY ASKED ABOUT LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES

Auto repair -- there are restrictions as to the amount of repair work done on city streets, or places visible from city streets.

Bicycles -- must be licensed if ridden in the city, and may be ridden on sidewalks where there are no designated bike lanes. Licenses may be obtained at the Handlebar Toy Store.

Building permits -- any construction on one's property must be checked at the city office to ascertain if a building permit is necessary. Any information about one's property is more easily obtained by giving the assessor's parcel number which appears on the property tax bill. A Parkland Dedication Fee and a Walkway Fee may be required in certain instances. Call the City Planning Director at 284-1968.

Business license -- there is no business license tax in the city.

Dog license -- all dogs must be licensed, and the license must be renewed yearly. The County Clerk in Martinez (372-2958) has the necessary information.

Firearms -- it is illegal to discharge a firearm within the city limits.

Firecrackers -- are illegal within the city limits.

Garage sales -- no license is necessary to hold a garage sale.

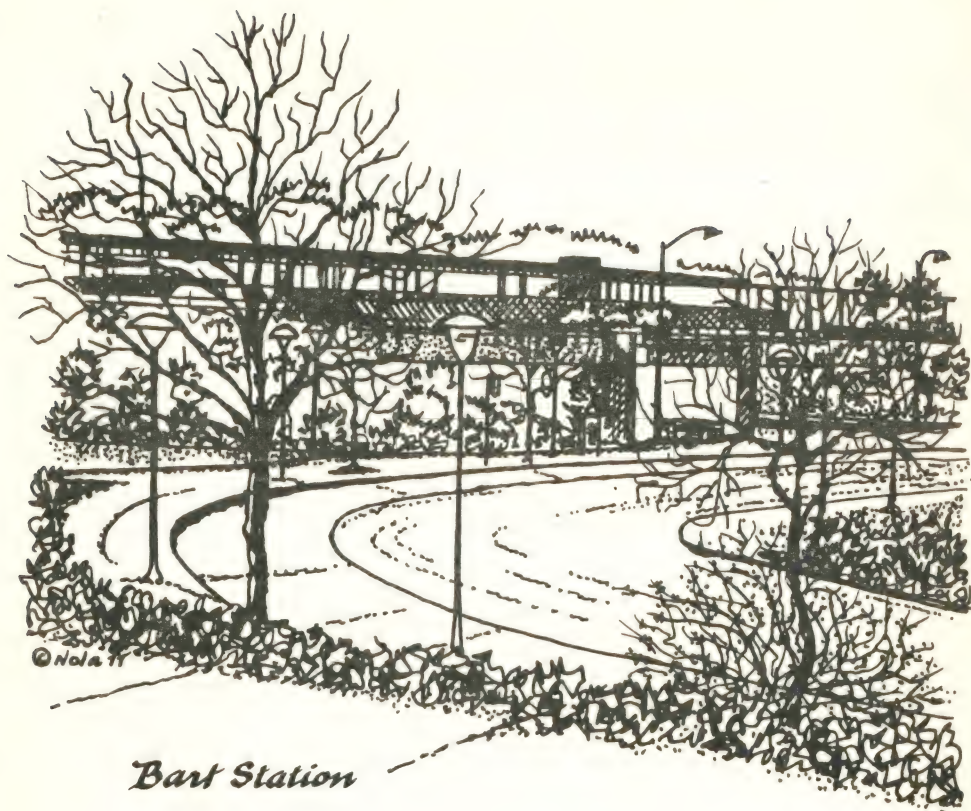
Horses -- may be kept within the city limits in certain instances. This should be checked at the City Office.

Leash law -- there is no leash law, but dogs must be confined or under personal supervision of a responsible person when outside.

Parking -- it is illegal to leave a car parked on a city street for more than 72 consecutive hours.

Rabies vaccinations -- state law requires a bi-yearly vaccination against rabies for every dog.

Trees -- with the exception of trees on single-dwelling property, a permit must be obtained to cut down a tree.



Bart Station

General Information

RECREATION

East Bay Regional Parks

Briones -- access on Bear Creek and Happy Valley Roads. A \$.50 vehicle entrance fee is charged on Saturdays and Sundays.

Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trailway --access on St. Mary's Road, Olympic Blvd. & School Street, suitable for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding.

Lake Temescal, Las Trampas, Little Hills, Redwood and Tilden are a short distance from Lafayette.

Lafayette Reservoir (East Bay Municipal Utility District)

Fishing, boating, hiking and bike trails, picnic facilities, tot lot area and boat rentals are offered. A \$1.00 vehicle parking fee is charged for the parking lot which is accessible from Mt. Diablo Blvd. (Annual car passes are available for sailing and parking at Lafayette and San Pablo Reservoirs.)

City Parks

Community Center Property -- 711 St. Mary's Road. It is equipped with a slide, a climbing structure, and sand for the tot lot; two Little League fields; and a small building available for rent.

Plaza Park -- historical, small green in downtown area.

Private Swim and Tennis Clubs

Bonnie Brae Swim Club	1811 Del Rio Drive	935-9865
Las Trampas Pool Association	640 St. Mary's Rd.	283-8605
Rancho Colorados Swim & Tennis Club	End of Rohrer Dr.	284-9817
Springbrook Pool	3200 Stanley Blvd.	935-9969
Sun Valley Swimming Pool	1000 Leland Drive	934-9840
Wildwood Acres Resort	End Hunsaker Canyon Rd.	283-2600

Horseback Riding

Buckeye Ranch -- horse rental, boarding, and classes.	283-3846
Rolling Ridge Ranch -- lessons, boarding.	283-3301

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Public Transit

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit)	933-2278
AC Transit (Shuttle service between BART and St. Mary's College, Moraga & Orinda)	376-5200
Greyhound Transbay Commuter Service	834-3070

Library

952 Moraga Road 283-3872

Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday-Saturday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The Lafayette Library is a branch of the Contra Costa County Library System. Services available include special programs for adults, young adults and children. There is a music room with record player and tape player and a record collection which is circulated in the same manner as books.

Building and Meeting Places

Community Center Building*	711 St. Mary's Road
Dramateurs Theater*	Moraga Rd. & School St.
Lafayette Library	952 Moraga Road
Masonic Temple*	925 Moraga Road
Mt. Diablo Blvd. Fire Station	3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Veterans Memorial Building*	1st & Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette Elementary Schools	
Lafayette Intermediate Schools	

*Fee charged for use.

Churches

Calvary Baptist of Lafayette	3201 Stanley Blvd.	935-7507
St. Perpetua's Catholic Church	3454 Hamlin Rd.	283-0272
Lafayette Christian Church-		
Disciples of Christ	584 Glenside Dr.	283-8304
Christian Science--Lafayette	3570 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	283-8705
St. Anselm's Episcopal Church	682 Michael Lane	284-7420
Church of the Golden Rule	961 Moraga Rd.	284-5850
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	1035 Carol Lane	283-3722
Sun Valley Bible Chapel	3222 Patty Way	934-1378
Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian		
Church	49 Knox Drive	283-8722
Lafayette United Methodist	955 Moraga Rd.	284-4765

Synagogue

Temple Isaiah	3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	283-8575
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PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

(For School addresses, see School Directory.)

Basketball Courts

Burton -- 2 courts
 Ellis -- 1 court
 Happy Valley -- 2 courts
 Lafayette -- 2 courts
 Merriewood -- 2 courts
 Montecito -- 2 courts

Springhill -- 1 court
 Vallecito -- 2 courts
 Fairview -- 6 courts
 Stanley -- 7 courts
 Acalanes -- 2 gyms

Baseball Diamonds

Burton -- 2 diamonds
 Ellis -- 2 diamonds
 Happy Valley -- 1 diamond
 Lafayette -- 2 diamonds
 Merriewood -- 2 diamonds

Montecito -- 2 diamonds
 Springhill -- 2 diamonds
 Vallecito -- 4 diamonds
 Fairview -- 4 diamonds
 Stanley -- 4 diamonds

Handball Courts

Ellis -- 1 court
 Lafayette -- 1 court

Montecito -- 1 court

Volleyball Courts

Happy Valley -- 2 courts
 Merriewood -- 1 court
 Springhill -- 1 court

Montecito -- 1 court
 Vallecito -- 2 courts

Soccer Fields

Happy Valley -- 2 fields
 Lafayette -- 1 field
 Merriewood -- 1 field
 Montecito -- 2 fields

Vallecito -- 1 field
 Fairview -- 2 fields
 Stanley -- 3 fields

Turfed Fields

Burton
 Happy Valley
 Lafayette
 Merriewood
 Acalanes High School (also has a stadium for football and track)

Montecito
 Springhill
 Vallecito
 Fairview

Multi-purpose Room

Lafayette
 Fairview (with stage)
 Stanley (with stage)

Public Tennis Courts

Acalanes High School -- 6 courts
 Stanley -- 4 courts
 Fairview -- 2 courts

Public Swimming Pool

Acalanes High School -- open in the summer (weekends only)

ORGANIZATIONS

Children and Youth

American Field Service	283-1005
Boy Scouts of America	935-2731
Campfire Girls	536-7841
4-H Council of Contra Costa County	682-8601
Girl Scouts of America	283-0248
Lafayette Youth Adult Council (employment service)	283-0906
White Pony Day Care Center	284-2410
Young Life Campaign	283-6969
YMCA Indian Guides/Princesses	687-8900

Sports and Recreation

Aquabears (AAU Swimming)	376-4525
California Youth Soccer Association	284-4266
Guys and Dolls (Square Dance)	284-1587
Lafayette Co-op Ballet	
Lafayette Co-op Gymnastics	284-5388
Lafayette Escadrille Square Dance	283-6898
Lafayette Little League	283-1668
Lafayette-Moraga Youth Association (LMYA)	283-0390

Art and Drama

Children's Art Association	284-9179
Dramateurs, Incorporated	376-6147
Laf-Prantics	283-3525

Special Interest Groups

American Civil Liberties Union, Mt. Diablo Chapter	934-6912
Council for Civic Unity of Orinda/ Lafayette/Moraga	284-5495
Diablo Valley League of Women Voters	283-2235
Friends of the Lafayette Library	284-1730
Grandmother's Club	935-0269
Lafayette Chamber of Commerce	284-7404
Lafayette Democratic Club	228-2201
Lafayette Education Association	222-2744
Lafayette Forward	283-6664
Lafayette Garden Club	284-2136
Lafayette Historical Society	283-2989
Lafayette Horseman's Association	283-3301
Lafayette Improvement Association	283-0199
Lafayette Senior Citizens	284-5780
Las Juntas Toastmasters	933-1190
Rapport	283-2494
Retired Senior Volunteers	283-7060

Men's Organizations

American Legion Post 517	284-4672
Acalanes Masonic Temple #723	284-9976
Lafayette Area Jaycees	283-2886
Lafayette Kiwanis	284-1070
Lafayette Lions	284-7031
Lafayette Rotary	284-9856

Women's Organizations

American Association of University Women	254-1867
American Cancer Society-Lafayette	283-8790
Lafayette Newcomer's Club	937-3556
Lafayette-Orinda Soroptimists	935-2800
Lafayette Republican Women's Club	284-4096
Lafayette Suburban Junior Women's Club	283-3643
Lafayette Suburban Women's Club	284-7311
Lafayette Women's Club	283-2820
Lamorinda Christian Women's Club	283-6499

Homeowners or Improvement Associations

Acalanes Valley Improvement Association	283-0394
Creek Circle Homeowners Association	939-2089
Happy Valley Glen Homes, Inc.	284-2358
Happy Valley Highlands Improvement Association	284-1459
Happy Valley Association	284-4181
Hidden Valley Improvement Association	254-4490
Lafayette Heights Improvement Association	283-8648
Lafayette Meadows Improvement Association	283-8799
Lafayette Orchards Association	283-2315
Bolinger Canyon Improvement Association	376-6633
Pine Lane Improvement Association	283-2450
Reliez Valley Improvement Association	284-1780
St. Mary's Orchards Improvement Association	284-2490
Silver Springs Improvement Association	284-7588
Springhill Valley Association	284-2638
Woodland Hills Improvement Association	284-1316
Lafayette Improvement Association	283-0199
Lafayette Design Project	283-8768
Mt. View Drive Association	284-1104
Architectural Control Committee (Tract 2901)	283-6732
Valley View Estates Association	283-6422
Andreasen Drive Homeowners Association	284-4686
Tanglewood Improvement Association	284-9304
Rancho View Knolls Homeowners Association	939-5207
Moraga Road Citizens Association	284-9346
Canada Del Hambre Homeowners Association	284-7936
So. Lafayette Improvement Association	284-7962
La Canyada Park Association	284-1534

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers

Local newspapers covering Lafayette are the Midweek Sun, Lafayette Sun, and the Contra Costa Times,* all owned and published by East Bay Newspapers, Inc. These newspapers cover community and governmental affairs and carry information about school, sports, church, social, and cultural events in the Lafayette area. The Contra Costa Times also carries national and international wire service stories.

Metropolitan papers, the San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Chronicle, and Oakland Tribune, report some local news. The Oakland Tribune has an office and a reporter in Contra Costa County and regularly features news of Lafayette.

Radio and Television

Although Lafayette does not have a radio station of its own, local news and public service programming is available from stations KKIS (990), KDFM (92.1), Walnut Creek, and KWUN (1480), Concord. Radio station KFRC (610), San Francisco, also includes news of the Lafayette area in its broadcasts.

Lafayette does not have a local television channel, but the area south of the freeway is served by Cablevision (Channel 6), Moraga, with local programming currently emphasizing the Town of Moraga. The area north of the freeway is served by Televents with no local programming.

Other

The City Council and the Planning Commission will supply information on planning proposals and issues of special interest upon request. Copies of City Council and Planning Commission agendas are available to the public.

Information is available through newsletters from parents' clubs, PTA, private clubs and churches. There are also many community bulletin boards to be found in the Lafayette Library, supermarkets, laundromats, and other businesses. Agendas of the Lafayette School Board and the Acalanes Union High School District School Board will be mailed to citizens upon request.

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce has information about local businesses as well as other general information.

*Telephone numbers for local newspapers are listed in the Directory.

Education

Public school children in Lafayette attend one of seven elementary schools and two intermediate schools in the Lafayette School District, and three high schools within the Acalanes Union High School District. Lafayette students attend Acalanes, Del Valle, or Campolindo High School.

The State of California passes regulation under Title V of the Administrative Code governing local schools. Within the framework of the state law, the local school district is self-governing. The people of the district elect the governing board and must authorize increased tax ceilings, bond issues and the borrowing of state building funds.

Governing Boards

The Elections Office of the County Clerk conducts all school elections. School Board members are:

- elected for four-year terms
- elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in odd-numbered years.

Both the Lafayette School District and the Acalanes Union High School District are governed by a five-member elected board. Its duties are:

- to determine the educational policy within the framework set by state law
- to finance this program
- to adopt annual budgets
- to set the school calendar
- to establish policy on matters governed by state law.

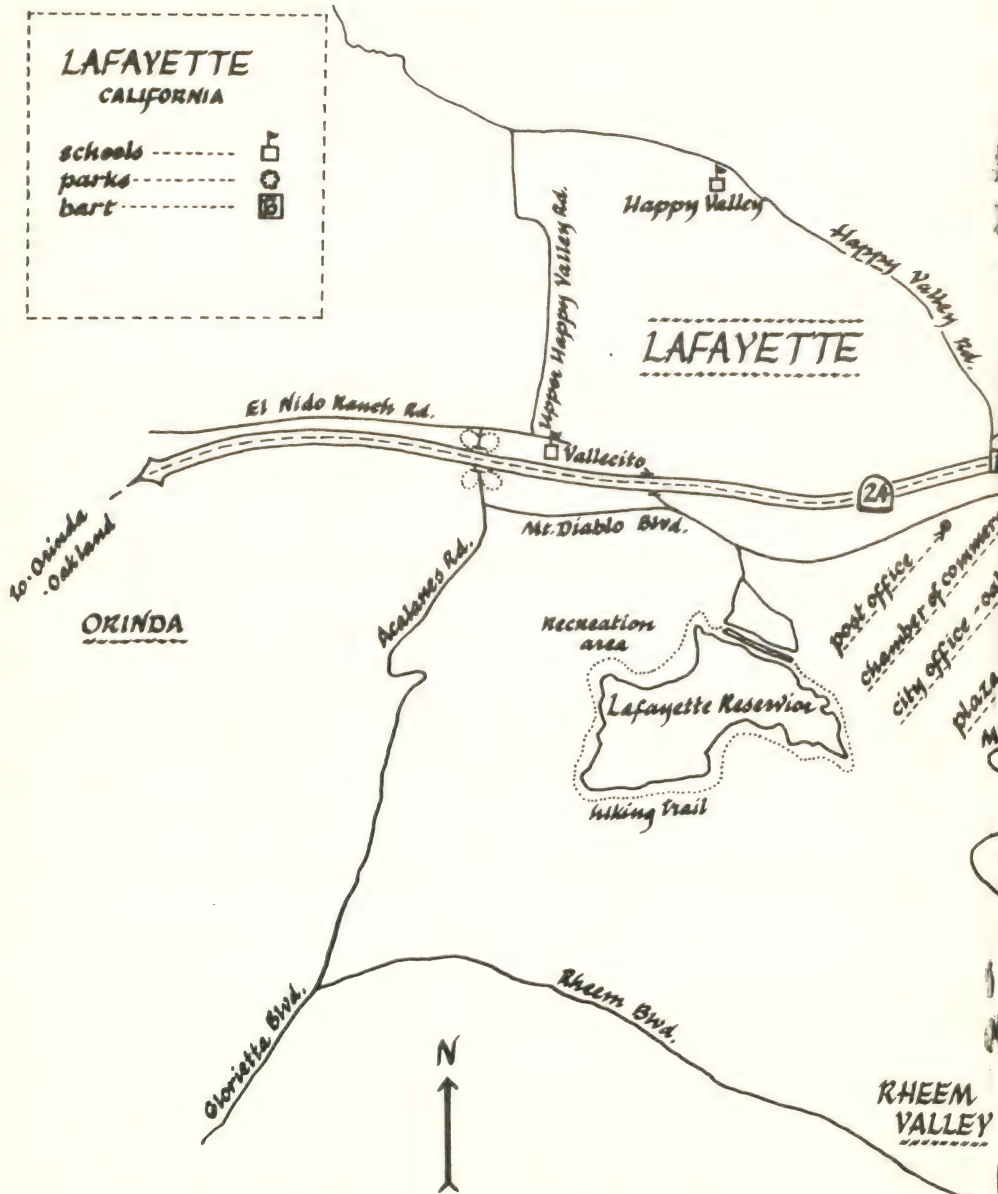
School Board Meetings

Lafayette Elem. Board:	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, monthly Board Room, 3477 School St.
Acalanes High School Board:	2nd Wednesday, monthly District Office, 1212 Pleasant Hill Rd.

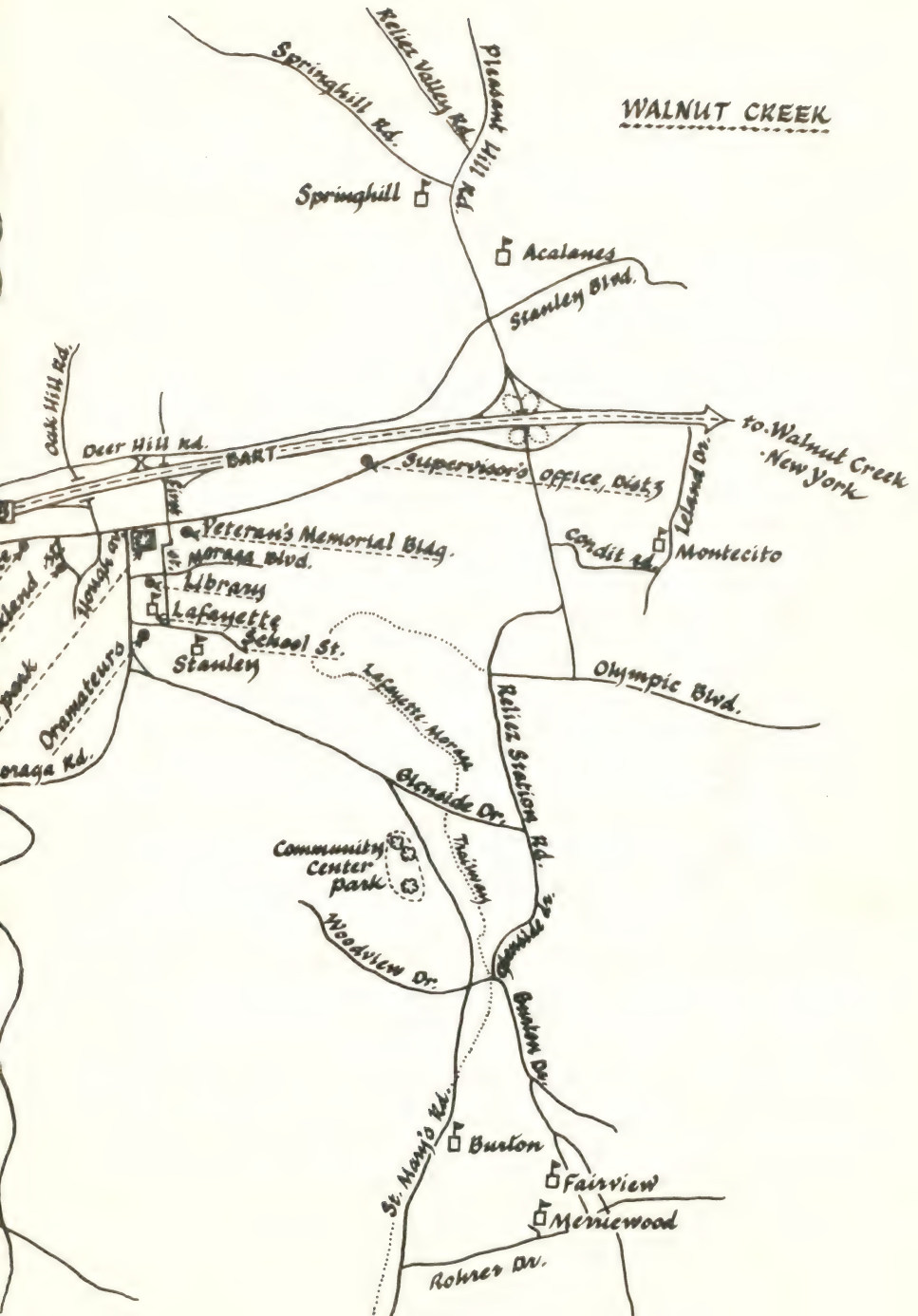
Both Board meeting are open to the public and there is opportunity to address the Board. The Lafayette School District will mail out agendas on request.

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Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent:

- serves as the chief executive officer of the School Board
- prepares and submits for the approval of the Board the school budget for the ensuing year
- enters into contracts for and on behalf of the district
- hires and fires personnel.

The Superintendent of Schools for both districts is selected through a statewide hiring process conducted by a screening committee with the final selection made by the Governing Boards. The Superintendent must, by state law, be the holder of both a valid school administration credential and a teacher's credential.

Lafayette School District

Programs and services available to students and parents are:

- a Reading Specialist in each school
- a Resource Specialist in each school
- individual and small group instruction to assist children with learning disabilities
- Language, Speech, and Hearing services for children with communications problems
- Consultant service available through referral by the principal
- Guidance program for teachers, pupils and parents
- District Health services coordinated by the District Nurse
- Instrumental Music available to students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades and offered as an elective in grades 7 & 8
- Mentally Gifted Minors Program (MGM) offered to students who meet state-mandated criteria
- Early Childhood Education (ECE), a state program with emphasis on individualized instruction for grades K-3
- Outdoor Education, a resident camping experience for 6th graders
- Library Service in each school, including audiovisual as well as published material
- Hot lunches in all elementary schools
- An ala carte lunch service in intermediate schools
- Bus transportation provided to both districts (out of the Districts' General Fund) for students living further than 3/4 mile from school.

The Contra Costa County Comprehensive Plan to meet the needs of the exceptional student has been accepted by the State Board and the State Department of Education, and is one of 10 locations state-wide that receive 95% more state funds for its special education program.

In the Lafayette District there are four instructional programs provided:

- Special classes to serve pupils with more intensive needs
- Resource Specialists
- Language, Speech and Hearing Specialists
- Individual and Small Group Specialists.

The County School Service

County Board of Education meets: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, monthly
Board Room, Office of County
Superintendent of Schools,
75 Santa Barbara Rd., P.H.

The Governing Board is a seven-member elected Board with overlapping four-year terms. This Board reports to the Governor, State Legislature, State Board of Education and the Board of Supervisors as needed. The County Board of Education:

- Supervises and assists school districts with business and educational matters
- Develops County courses of study
- Directs special schools for the mentally retarded and the physically and emotionally handicapped
- Directs probation connected schools for dependent children and juvenile delinquents.

Funding

The school districts are funded largely by county property tax, which accounts for approximately 65% of the income to the district. In 1976-77 approximately 30% of the elementary district's income came from the state for state mandated programs. Property owners in Lafayette paid \$11.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation in 1976-77. Of this, \$6.474 is spent on education in the following way:

Acalanes Union High School District	\$ 2.219
Lafayette Elementary District	2.273
Elementary Wide Levy	1.032
Contra Costa County College	.720
County School Service	.230

Expenditures

The average per pupil program expenditure in 1976-77 was:

Lafayette School District	\$ 1,333.17
Acalanes Union High School District	1,366.29

Teachers have medical and dental benefits with retirement benefits provided by the State Teacher's Retirement System. With the passage of the Rodda Act future contracts between teachers and school boards will be negotiated with the Lafayette Education Association (LEA) representing Lafayette teachers.

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS

Lafayette School District

Office	3477 School Street	284-7011
Elementary Schools (K-6)		
Burton	500 St. Mary's Road	283-6243
Happy Valley	3855 Happy Valley Rd.	284-7049
Lafayette	850 Moraga Road	283-6231
Merriewood	3060 Rohrer Drive	284-7131
Montecito	999 Leland Drive	935-0370
Springhill	3301 Springhill Rd.	283-8281
Vallecito	1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd.	283-6237

Intermediate Schools (7-8)

Fairview	561 Merriewood Drive	284-7046
M. H. Stanley	3455 School Street	283-6282

Acalanes Union High School District

Office	1212 Pleasant Hill Road	935-2800
Acalanes High School	1200 Pleasant Hill Road	935-2600
Campolindo High School	300 Moraga Road	376-5986
Del Valle High School	1963 Tice Valley Blvd.	935-6750

Contra Costa County School for the Handicapped

3180 Quandt Road	934-3566
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Adult Education

Acalanes Adult Center and Evening High School	1200 Pleasant Hill Road	935-0170
University of California -- Extension	2223 Fulton, Berkeley	642-4111

Community College

Diablo Valley College	321 Golf Club Road, P.H.	685-1230
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Universities and Colleges

John F. Kennedy University	12 Altarinda Road, Orinda	254-0200
St. Mary's College	St. Mary's Road, Moraga	376-1958
Office of Continuing Education		376-7512



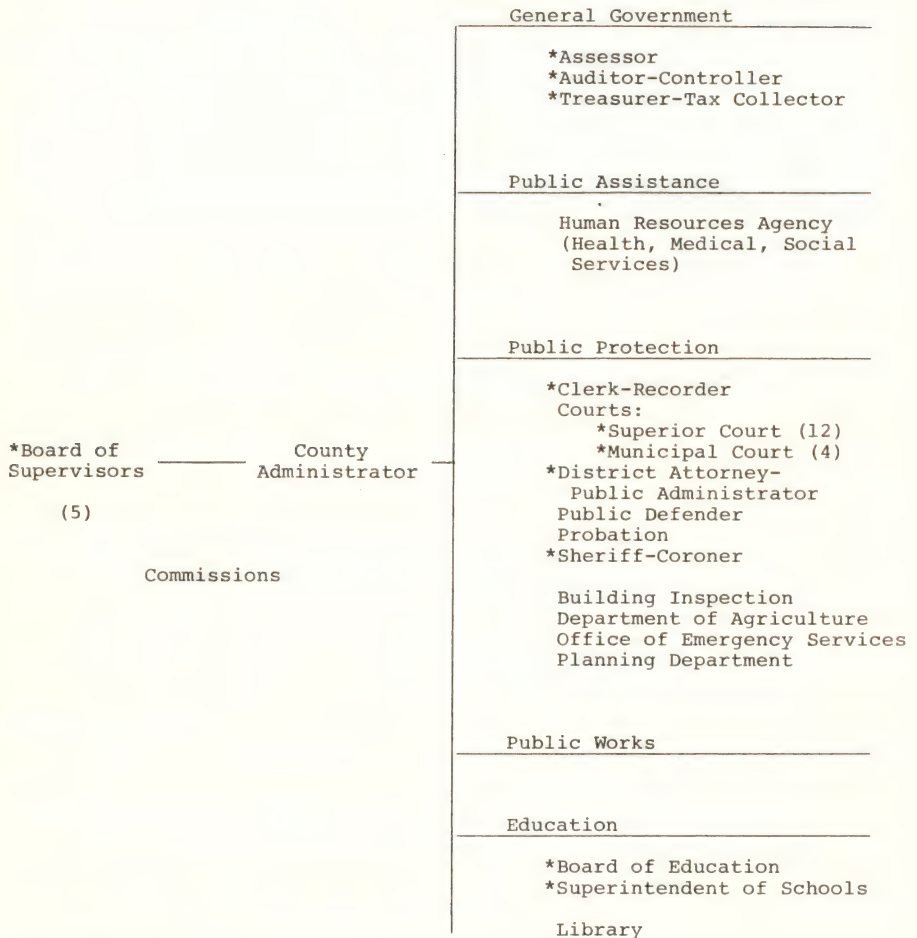
Lafayette Moraga Regional Trail

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County is one of 58 counties in California. The counties were set up to administer state laws at the local level and to be responsible for duties, such as courts and law enforcement, health, and sanitation, welfare and corrections, flood control, roads and bridges, libraries, land use planning, appraising property values, levying and collecting taxes, administering elections, licensing, maintaining vital statistics and many other governmental activities.

Within Contra Costa County there are 15 cities. These cities were formed to provide services not available through the county or to improve services already provided by the county. Basic county services are not stopped once a municipal government is established; and the citizen continues to pay county taxes. Some cities, such as Lafayette, contract with the county for specific services.

Organization Chart for
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



*Designates elected officials.
(This chart generalizes the organization of the County Government.)

County Government (1976-77 fiscal year)

ADMINISTRATION

Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board: 372-2371
Lafayette District 3: 284-4733

5 Board members
elected by district
4-year term

Budget: \$373,780
Salary: \$ 16,212/yr

The Board heads the county government, acts as intermediary between state and federal agencies and state and local governments, and exercises legislative power, derived from state-law, by adopting ordinances. The executive power lies in its appointment of officials and approval of the budget.

meets: Tuesdays, 9:00 A.M., Board Chamber,
County Administration Building, Martinez

County Administrator

372-4080

Appointed by the Board
of Supervisors

Budget: \$574,300

The County Administrator advises the Board of Supervisors, oversees and coordinates county departments and agencies, prepares the recommended county budget, acts as employer-employee relations officer, and performs public relations duties.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Assessor

372-2252

elected
4-year term

Budget: \$3,775,125
Salary: \$ 38,892/yr

The Assessor appraises residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and personal property for tax purposes and serves as assessor for the County and cities, including Lafayette. The standard assessment ratio, set by state law, is 25% of "full market value".

Property assessment is now annually updated by computer on the basis of current sales data.

Taxpayers may protest their assessed property value by filing an appeal with the Assessment Appeals Board between July 2 and August 26. Appeal forms may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Martinez, 372-2371.

Auditor-Controller

372-2181

elected (must be a certified
or licensed public accountant)
4-year term

Budget: \$2,480,251
Salary: \$ 38,892/yr

The Auditor-Controller approves all receipts for and disbursements from the county. He is responsible for auditing, providing budgetary and accounting data assistance to the county departments and districts, and for preparing the county budget for each fiscal year.

Treasure-Tax Collector

372-4122

elected
4-year term

Budget: \$1,006,980
Salary: \$ 31,416

The Treasurer-Tax Collector collects property taxes for local governments in the county, receives and disburses monies for the county and special districts, conducts sales of tax-deeded property, acts as Deputy State Controller in inheritance tax matters, and administers county employees' retirement system.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Human Resources Agency

372-2600

The Director of the Human Resources Agency is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to administer public health, medical and social services financed with federal, state and local funds.

County Health Department:

372-2507

Budget: \$7,118,684

The County Health Department is responsible for public health, immunizations, family planning, and venereal disease information; restaurant and food market inspections, visiting nurses, health education and nutrition consultation.

Medical Services:

372-4200

Budget: \$30,671,162

This department provides medical care for the needy, at the County Hospital and local clinics, plus 24-hour psychiatric and psychological evaluations, aid to the handicapped, and drug and alcohol abuse programs.

Social Service Department:

671-4224

Budget: \$89,278,710

The Social Service department provides assistance to the poor, medically needy and handicapped, to help them improve their circumstances and become independent. It supplies social services for the whole community, including adoption and foster care services, protective services to prevent abuse and neglect of children and adults; in-home care for the homebound, counseling for families with problems and referrals to other service agencies.

Directory of Counseling Services

Alcoholism Information and Rehabilitation Services	944-3325
American Civil Liberties Union	939-ACLU
Area Agency on Aging	671-4233
Care Center (Child Abuse, Parents Anonymous, etc.)	284-CARE
Catholic Social Service	935-6220
Community Mental Health Services (County Mental Health Screening 24-hr service)	372-4395
Community Resources Center (Assistance League)	934-0901
Contra Costa Counseling Service	934-4205
Contra Costa County Conciliation Court	372-4013
CCC-Diablo Valley Mental Health Center	798-3100
Drug Abuse Discovery Program	372-4395
Family Education Institute	284-5950
Home Health and Counseling Services	937-8311
Jewish Family Service	935-0991
Mental Health Association	932-1500
OASIS Center	944-1800
Orinda Counseling Center	254-8581
Suicide Prevention (Troubled Teens and Twenties Hotline)	939-3232 ENT 1-3456

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Clerk-Recorder

372-2940

elected
4-year term

Budget: \$2,986,664
Salary: \$ 32,484

The Clerk-Recorder is the registrar of voters and administers elections. He keeps records for the Board of Supervisors and Superior Court and issues marriage and dog licenses, and passports. Vital statistics, title to real estate, criminal and juvenile cases are recorded in his office.

Courts

Budget: \$5,598,168

The California Constitution provides for a uniform state-wide system of courts. There is the California Supreme Court, five Courts of Appeal, and a Superior Court in each county. Contra Costa County is further divided into four Municipal Court Districts.

Superior Court

372-2950

elected
6-year term

Salary: \$45,298.92

The twelve judges (number determined by the workload which is directly related to population) hear criminal and civil cases involving more than \$5,000, and cases in equity, probate, insanity, juvenile and felony. They also hear appeals from municipal courts.

Municipal Court (Wlanut Creek-Danville Judicial District)

935-6372

elected
6-year term

Salary: \$41,676.96

The judges hear civil cases of up to \$5,000 (Small Claims Courts, a division of the Municipal Court, has a maximum jurisdiction of \$750). In the court's criminal jurisdiction, it hears infractions and misdemeanor cases and preliminary hearings of felony charges arising within the geographic area of the district.

Each of the four judicial districts in Contra Costa County has at least two judges and is in continuous session throughout the year, Monday through Friday, except holidays. The Walnut Creek-Danville Judicial District includes Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Rheem, Walnut Creek, Alamo, Canyon, Danville, Diablo, San Ramon, and St. Mary's College.

District Attorney-Public Administrator

372-4500

elected
4-year term

Budget: \$4,728,540
Salary: \$ 45,984

The District Attorney prosecutes criminal cases in Contra Costa County and protects the county government against any irregular or illegal actions. He is appointed by the Board of Supervisors as Public Administrator to take charge of property, in the county, for those who die without a will or heirs; and becomes guardian for the mentally incompetent. The office has a special consumer fraud division.

Public Defender

372-2481

appointed by the Board
of Supervisors

Budget: \$2,556,260

Upon request or order of the court, legal defense is provided to defendants in criminal cases where a person is too poor to afford an attorney.

Probation

372-2700

Probation Officer is appointed
by the Superior Court's
Juvenile Court Judge

Budget \$11,896,520

The Adult Division of the department provides probation services for the Superior and Municipal Courts. The Juvenile Division handles all cases of juvenile delinquency where formal action is taken, and administers Juvenile Hall, a maximum security Preplacement Unit for boys, a Girls' Center in Martinez, and Byron Boys Ranch.

The shelter program for neglected children is now run by the Social Service Department, for children between the ages of 7 and 18 years. Younger children are generally housed in foster homes.

Sheriff-Coroner

372-2402

elected
4-year term

Budget: \$12,682,375
Salary: \$ 39,732/yr

The Sheriff-Coroner provides police services for unincorporated areas, handles autopsies, crime lab work, runs the county jail, a jail farm (near Clayton), work furlough program (near the Richmond area), and provides bailiffs for the Superior Court. He is also responsible for patrol of waterways, litter control, and a burglary prevention program.

He contracts officers to police the Lafayette/Moraga area. (See LAFAYETTE CITY GOVERNMENT, Public Protection.)

Jails: Suspected offenders are taken by arresting officers to the main jail in Martinez, a maximum security facility.

Building Inspection

372-2300

Director is appointed
by the Board of Supervisors

Budget: \$1,013,640

The department inspects construction of homes and other structures and enforces ordinances regulating construction and occupancy of buildings in unincorporated areas and in cities by agreement (this includes Lafayette).

A building permit is required for every new construction job or for alteration of an already existing edifice. Plans must be approved by the Building Inspector's Office before a permit can be issued.

Department of Agriculture

671-4250

Agricultural Commissioner-
Director of Weights and
Measures is appointed by the
Board of Supervisors

Budget: \$1,779,830

This Commissioner enforces state agriculture laws, inspects weighing and measuring devices and directs the county animal control program. Since Lafayette is divided into two districts, call either 372-2995 or 235-7666 for information regarding animal control. Contact 372-4484 for the low-cost Animal Control Spay Clinic and 798-1773 for the volunteer group which handles information concerning lost and found animals.

Office of Emergency Services

228-5000

Budget: \$216,540

This office is responsible for all county governmental and public agencies' preparedness, and coordination of functions to cope with emergencies and civil defense. It directs public information and training programs in medical self help, rescue, safety, and defense. It is the coordinating agency for rainy season storm operations and the handling of oil spill accidents both on land and water.

Planning Department

372-2021

Director is appointed by
the Board of Supervisors

Budget: \$1,199,090

This department prepares general plans for orderly county growth and regulates land use. It also coordinates census-taking, staffs county boards and commissions dealing with planning, and administers the Housing and Community Development Program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works

372-2102

appointed by the
Board of Supervisors

Budget: \$18,684,375

The Director of Public Works is the County Surveyor and provides engineering for and maintenance of the county road system.

The Department of Public Works provides maintenance of county buildings and vehicles, services special districts, and administers and operates the county airport, Buchanan Field, in Concord. It coordinates planning in the areas of transportation, water quality and sewage services.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

372-4090

5 members:

- 2 City Council Members appointed by the Mayors' Conference
- 2 County Supervisors appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- 1 citizen member elected by the other 4 LAFCO members

compensation: \$60/meeting

This state commission reviews and rules on formation of all cities and special districts and all annexations to existing cities and districts, as well as dissolutions, reorganizations and detachments.

WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO
(Fiscal Year 1976-77)

Generally, most of the city of Lafayette is in the tax code area 14002. For the fiscal year 1976-77, the assessed value of property in the city of Lafayette is estimated at \$114,000,000. Annually in November, tax bills with the property assessment and tax rates for the coming year are mailed to property owners. (For information on assessment, see COUNTY, Assessor.)

For convenience and efficiency, the Treasurer-Tax collector of Contra Costa County collects property taxes and the Auditor-Controller distributes the tax money to cities, school districts, special districts and the county government. The following percentages indicate approximate disbursement of the total property tax money collected:

51.1%	School Districts
23.0%	County Government
17.7%	County and Independent Districts
8.2%	Cities (Lafayette has no city general purpose tax)

(The above percentages are correct on a countywide basis.)

Allocation of County Tax Money

The county tax rate is \$2.719 for the fiscal year 1976-77 and includes a county library tax of \$.167. This tax is used for services and functions of the County Government. The following percentages give a general picture of the expenditure of the county tax money, which is estimated at \$219,300,000 for the 1976-77 fiscal year.

43.4%	Public Assistance (Social Welfare and Medical)
19.5%	Public Protection
17.5%	Health and Sanitation (Public Health, Medical and Sanitation)
8.7%	Administration and General Government
6.7%	Public Works
4.2%	Miscellaneous (includes Library, Superintendent of Schools)

COUNTY AND INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS (Fiscal Year 1976-77)

These special districts and service areas are under the control of the Board of Supervisors, which serves as the governing body, ex-officio. Citizens of a particular group or area vote to have a district provide a specific service and pay directly for the service through individual tax levies. The district taxes are not reflected in the general county property tax.

All tax rates have been taken from a typical tax bill for tax code area 14002. For information on school taxes, see EDUCATION.

Alamo-Lafayette Cemetery District

284-1353

tax rate: \$.009 no compensation
3-member Board of Trustees
appointed by the Board of Supervisors
4-yr. term

This district maintains two cemeteries in Lafayette and Alamo.

meets: 3rd Tues., monthly, 9:00 A.M. at
989 Oakland Street, Lafayette.

Bay Area Air Pollution Control District

771-6000

tax rate: \$.015 compensation: \$50/meeting
18-member Board of Directors up to \$1,800/yr,
appointed from elected County
and city officials
2 & 4-yr. terms

This is a nine-county regional agency established to study air contaminants and control air pollution by enacting and enforcing regulations.

meets: 1st and 3rd Wed., monthly, 10:00 A.M., at
939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

465-4100

tax rate: \$.478 compensation: \$50/meeting,
9-member Board of Directors up to \$250/mo.
elected by districts (#1)
4-yr. term

A three-county regional agency responsible for building and operating a rapid transit system in the Bay Area.

meets: 2nd and 4th Thurs., monthly, 9:00 A.M., at
Bart Board Room, 800 Madison Street, Oakland.

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

934-6727

tax rate: \$.372	compensation: \$50/meeting
5-member Board of Directors	and fringe benefits (dental
elected	and health plan)
4-yr. term	

The district's function is collection and treatment of sewage discharge and water reclamation. It also grants franchises for garbage collection. Lafayette Garbage Disposal services about 95% of Lafayette; Orinda-Moraga and Valley Disposal service about 5% of Lafayette.

meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs., monthly 7:30 P.M., at
1250 Springbrook Rd., Walnut Creek.

Contra Costa County (Consolidated) Fire Protection District

939-3400

tax rate: \$.706	no compensation
5-member Commission	
appointed by the Board of Supervisors	
4-yr. term	

The services of the district include fire prevention, suppression, inspection, investigation, and safety programs; weed abatement; and permits to handle certain chemicals.

meets: 2nd Thurs., monthly, at Administration
Building, at Geary and Dorothy, Pleasant Hill.

Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District

372-4470

tax rate: \$.120 (zone 3B)	no compensation
5-member Advisory Board	
appointed by the Board of Supervisors	
no set term	

This district provides flood control planning, design, construction and maintenance of major and secondary creeks. The County Public Works Department provides engineering services for the district. The Advisory Board is directly responsible to the Board of Supervisors and makes recommendations to it.

meets: no regularly scheduled meetings (notices
appear in newspapers), at Public Works
Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez.

County Water Agency

671-4295

tax rate: \$.004

no compensation

Board of Supervisors

The chief duty of this agency is to protect water-oriented resources of the county, especially the Western Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta area, for economic and recreational purposes. It operates under the County Public Works Department.

meets: Tues., weekly, at the Board of Supervisors meetings, 9:00 A.M., Board Chamber, County Administration Building, Martinez.

East Bay Municipal Utility District

main off. 835-3000
Walnut Creek 934-6622

tax rate: \$.140

compensation: \$50/meeting
up to \$100/mo.

7-member Board of Directors

elected by wards (#2)

4-yr. term

The function of this district is to provide a potable water supply, maintenance, conservation and recreational development of watershed lands. (Maps for recreation areas are available upon request.)

meets: 2nd and 4th Tues., monthly, 1:15 P.M.,
in Room 100, 2130 Adeline Street, Oakland.

East Bay Regional Park District

531-9300

tax rate: \$.219

compensation: \$50/meeting

7 Directors

elected by wards (#2)

4-yr. term

The two-county regional district (Alameda, Contra Costa) is governed by the Public Resources Code of the State of California. It operates 37 regional parks and recreation areas on 45,000 acres of land and water. It offers a variety of outdoor recreation, including more than 500 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding and bicycling.

meets: 1st and 3rd Tues., monthly, 2:00 P.M., at
District Headquarters, 11500 Skyline Blvd.,
or Bart Headquarters, 800 Madison St.,
Oakland.

Mosquito Abatement District

685-9301

tax rate: \$.017

compensation: \$25/meeting
only if meeting is attended

15 Trustees

(1 Trustee from Lafayette

appointed by the City Council)

This is a special district, functioning principally to abate mosquitos, flies and yellow jackets.

meets: 2nd Mon., bimonthly, 7:30 P.M., at
1330 Concord Avenue, Concord

Voter Information

Voter Qualifications: U.S. citizen, 18 years old or older, and 29-day residency at the same address.

Registration: required of all qualified voters at least 29 days before an election and remains permanent unless there is a change in name, address, or party affiliation.

Voter registrars are available at:

Lafayette City Office --- 975 Oakland Street, weekdays
County Election Dept. --- 524 Main Street, Martinez

Self-registration: post cards for self-registration are recommended to be sent 2 weeks before registration deadline. Post cards are available at:

Lafayette City Office --- 975 Oakland Street, weekdays
Lafayette Library --- 952 Moraga Road
Local fire stations
Dept. of Motor Vehicles --- 1910 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek

Where to vote:

Registered voters are assigned various precincts in the Lafayette area, which have varying polling places, depending on the expected voter turnout and type of election. If one moves after the 29-day registration deadline, he may vote at the former precinct.

Absentee ballots:

Application must be received by the County Clerk 7 days before an election. If the sample ballot mailing has no application, call the County Election Dept. (372-4160), or for municipal elections call the City Office (284-1968). Voted absentee ballots must be received by the County Clerk before the closing of polls.

Voter Participation:

Lafayette population as of 1975 census was 19,628 with 66% over 18 years old.

Registered Voters

10,857

Ballots Cast (1976 Mun. Elec.)

4,098

HOW TO RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICES

City Council: elections in March, even-numbered years (2 or 3 vacancies, depending on the year). The prospective candidate must be a registered voter residing within the Lafayette city limits.

"Nomination Petition", a self-nominating form, is available at the City Office. It requires:

1. Not less than 20 and not more than 30 different signatures of registered voters.
2. Filed at the City Office 68-89 days before election day. Check the schedule with the City Manager.

Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports: 3 must be filed at the City Office.

1. 40 days before an election.
2. 12 days before an election.
3. not more than 65 days following an election.

Candidate's qualification statement may accompany sample ballot mailings by paying the City a flat fee of \$100 to cover printing costs.

School Board Trustee: elections in March, odd numbered years (2 or 3 vacancies depending on the year). The prospective candidate must be a registered voter and live within the school district boundaries.

Candidate's Statement: must be filed at the County Election Dept., 524 Main Street, Martinez, generally 60-90 days before an election.

Candidate's qualification statement may accompany sample ballot mailings, the expenses being shared among the candidates who wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

APPLICATION --CITY COMMISSIONS

All Commissions: one must fill out an application form which is available at the City Office. Check residency requirements with the City Office.

Political Directory

City Council

Mayor Ned Robinson	284-4950
Councilperson Barbara Langlois	283-2278
Councilperson Robert Roche	933-3518
Councilperson Norman Tuttle II	254-3847
Councilperson George Wasson	284-4603

City Attorney

C.J. Williams	228-3840
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City Planning Director

Gary Lyons	284-1968
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City Planning Commission

Lloyd Townley, Chairperson	283-0316
Guy Atwood	283-6930
S. Thomas Cleveland	283-3696
Robert Hamilton	284-5162
Marvin D. Heilson	283-0723
Catherine Morton	254-2354
Jack Schroeter	283-3863

City Commissions...Chairpersons

CATY Commission--Donn Black	284-7456
Commission on the Needs of the Aging--Robert Headley	284-5495
Environmental Review--Sidney Lyons	254-5435
Parking Commission--Don Young	284-1537
Property Protection Commission--Ash Sudhakar	283-1034
Recreation Commission--Gayle Uilkema	283-0548
Traffic Commission--Avon Wilson	283-3373
Walkways Commission--Robert Wood	284-4356
Youth Commission--Craig Albright	283-2682

Lafayette School District Board of Trustees

William Gonser	283-3626
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Directory

Emergency Number (fire & medical)	933-1313
Give: address	
major cross streets	
nature of accident	
name and phone number	
Crisis Intervention (See Directory of Counseling Services)	
Police	254-5010
Sheriff	254-2474 or 228-8280
American Civil Liberties Union	939-ACLU
Animal Control	235-7666 or 372-2995
Control Spay Clinic	372-4484
Lost and Found	798-1773
Area Agency on Aging	935-9350
Assessment Office	372-2252
Assessment Appeals Board	372-2374
Better Business Bureau	933-0310
Board of Supervisors, Dist. #3	284-4733
Building Inspection	372-2300
California Consumer Affairs, Dept. of	(800)952-5210 (toll free)
California Dept. of Motor Vehicles	935-4464
Child Care - White Pony Day Care	284-2410
County of Contra Costa	372-2211
(For Departments, see County Government)	
County Disaster Control	228-5000
Counseling (see Directory of Counseling Services)	
Dog License	372-2958
East Bay Regional Parks	531-9300

Election - Voter Registration	
City	284-1968
County	372-4166
Health, County Department of	372-2507
Hospitals	
John Muir Memorial (Walnut Creek)	939-3000
Kaiser Foundation (Walnut Creek)	933-3000
Mt. Diablo Hospital Medical Center (Concord)	682-8200
Alta Bates (Berkeley)	845-7110
County Hospital (Martinez)	372-4200
Veterans Administration (Martinez)	228-6800
Lafayette Chamber of Commerce	284-7404
Lafayette City Office	284-1968
Lafayette Library	283-3872
Legal Services Foundation (Contra Costa County)	439-9164
Medical Emergency (Ambulance dispatch)	228-5006
Newspapers	
Contra Costa Times	935-2525
Contra Costa News Register, Inc.	934-2780
Lafayette Sun	284-4444
Post Office	283-8229
Red Cross, Diablo Chapter	687-3030
Schools (Also see Directory of Schools)	
Acalanes Union High School District	935-2800
Lafayette School District	284-7011
County Superintendent of Schools	944-3388
Tax Collector	372-4122
Transportation	
BART	933-2278
AC Transit (Lafayette-Moraga-Orinda)	376-5200
Greyhound Transbay (San Francisco)	834-3070
Utilities	
Disposal Service:	
Lafayette Garbage Disposal Service	283-2989 or
	283-3778
Orinda-Moraga Disposal Service	254-2844
Valley Disposal Service, Inc.	935-8900
East Bay Municipal Utility District	934-6622
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	686-5440
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.	935-9000

